

**February 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved April 7, 2022**



**Advisory Committee**  
(appointed by Board of Directors)  
**Via Zoom Video Conference Call and**  
Fox Waterway Agency  
45 S Pistakee Lake Rd  
Fox Lake, IL 60020

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**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Smarto

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM .

**2.0 Roll Call**

Secretary Basten

Present: Pat Smarto, Dave Corrigan, Laura King

Present via Zoom: Anne Basten, Judy Martini, John McGuire, Alan Golbach, Tom Fernstrom, Don Schnurr, Rob Bryson, Jason Hettermann

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, Warren Moulis, Keith Carpenter, Ken Fruh, Dennis Leo,

Excused: John Fisher

Others Present: Chris Stochl

**3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval**

Discussion: Draft Minutes of November 4, 2021

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 4, 2021

Motion: Laura King

Second: Al Golbach

Motion carried

**4.0 Reports**

Rob reported that the DamYak Challenge permit was approved for 7/16/2022 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am and the sticker has been waived for participants.

The dredging schedule for 2022 will be posted on the website.

Orchard Heights and Dutch Creek dredging will continue from last year until complete.

New sticker design is already going out.

An adjustment is being made for new routing in one of the channels this year.

The field crew is working out of Cooper Farm and moving materials to Wall Street.

Soil sales were just under \$100K (a little under goal) and they could use some more customers for the upcoming year but are looking for bigger volume customers to move more soil.

There was some discussion about the partnership and a misunderstanding on one possible dredging

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site.

**4.2 Regional (Upper/Lower/Lakes)**

Quite a few sleds have gone in the water in the upper river. The lower river is mostly frozen.

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 FWA Public Education Program Committee - Public Safety**

Chairman Smarto reported that the safety slogan "Safe is best-Wear your vest" will be shared on Social Media. Suggestion to make sure that the AirBnBs as well as rental units are aware of the safety issues. It was suggested that maybe a public safety campaign might qualify for the shovel ready projects for which funding is available through Senator Wilcox.

**5.2 Lyons Prairie & Marsh Erosion**

Correspondence received from Executive Director Elizabeth Kessler was acknowledged that a bid will be let for engineering for the work before the project can be bid out in the future.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Waterway Clean Up**

Laura King will see if McHenry County Conservation District is still sponsoring the Boone Creek site or if they want to add another site along the River. The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County have sponsored the volunteers at Boone Creek in conjunction with MCCD in the past. Everyone is to work on getting more groups involved to make sure there are enough volunteers. Additional boats for volunteers to work on will be available through Don, the agency and others.

**7.0 Member Comments:**

No additional comments

**8.0 Public Comments**

There were no comments

**9.0 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn February 3, 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting.

Motion: Laura King

Second: John McGuire

Discussion: None

Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM